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## CLAIMS.

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- A method for preparing a dissolved catalyst component comprising the steps
  of:
  - a) providing a halogenated precursor component of formula (I)

 $-X-[-CH_2-]-$  (I)

- b) reacting the halogenated precursor with an ionic liquid precursor in a solvent to prepare an ionic liquid;
- c) mixing in a solvent one equivalent of the ionic liquid prepared in step b) with a metallic complex of formula (II)

 $L_2MY_2$  (II)

wherein L is a coordinating ligand for the metallic site, said coordination being achieved by phosphorus, nitrogen or oxygen;

- d) evaporating the solvent; and
- e) retrieving a hybrid single site catalyst component/ionic liquid system.
- The method of claim 1 wherein the ionic liquid precursor is N -alkylimidazolium or pyridinium.
  - 3. The method of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein between step b) and step c), the reaction product of step b) is reacted with an ionic compound C <sup>†</sup>A<sup>-</sup>, wherein C<sup>†</sup> is a cation selected from K <sup>†</sup>, Na<sup>†</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub> <sup>†</sup>, and A <sup>†</sup> is an anion selected from PF<sub>6</sub> , SbF<sub>6</sub> , BF<sub>4</sub> , (CF<sub>3</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>N , ClO4 <sup>†</sup>, CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> , NO<sub>3</sub> or CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub> .
  - 4. The method of any one of the preceding cla ims wherein the solvent used in steps b) and step c) is selected from THF, CH <sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> or CH<sub>3</sub>CN.

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- 5. A hybrid organometallic complex/ionic liquid system obtainable by the method of any one of claims 1 to 4.
- A hybrid catalyst system comprising the hybrid organomet allic
  complex/ionic liquid system of claim 5 and an activating agent.
  - 7. The hybrid catalyst system of claim 6 wherein the activating agent is methylaluminoxane and wherein Y is a halogen.
- 8. The hybrid catalyst system of claim 7 wherein the amount of methylaluminoxane is such that the Al/M ratio is of from 100 to 1000.
  - 9. A method for homopolymerising or copolymerising alpha -olefins that comprises the steps of:
- a) heterogenising the hybrid catalyst system of any one of claims 6 to 8 by addition of an apolar solvent;
  - b) injecting into the reactor an apolar solvent and the heterogenised catalyst system of step a)

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- c) injecting the monomer and optional comonomer into the reactor;
- d) maintaining under polymerisation conditions;
  - e) retrieving the polymer under the form of chips or bl ocks.
  - 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the apolar solvent is n -heptane.
- 25 11. The method of claim 9 or claim 10 wherein the monomer is ethylene or propylene.
  - 12. A polymer having particle sizes of at least 0.5 mm obtainable by the process of any one of claims 9 to 1 1.